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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (DCE) under	27.0 F.D. C4.444 . C41	
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.  NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to		
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